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Quai's working-level struck by "mildness" and "weakness" of Moscow's statement on President's "quarantine" announcement. While statement protests US action, it fails to threaten reprisals. Following considered noteworthy:

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(1) Lack of any mention Soviet ships to proceed despite blockade,

(2) Failure to deny charges on increase in Cuban armaments,

(3) Initial limitation of Soviet action to UN.

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